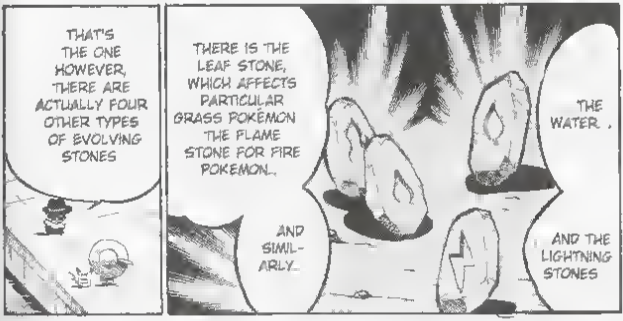
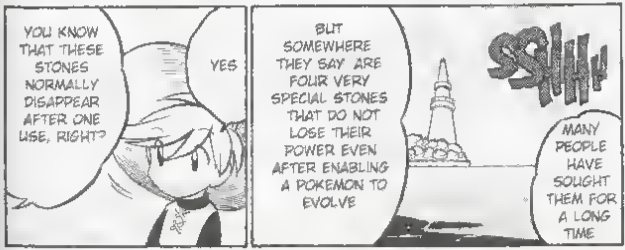
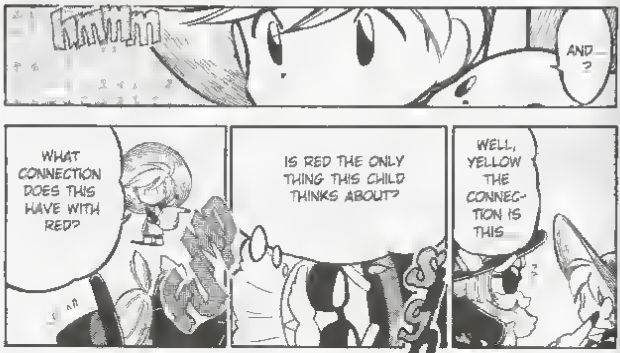
ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE "MOON STONE"?
YES, I AM. IT ENABLES CERTAIN POKEMON TO EVOLVE... THAT ONE?


THAT'S THE ONE HOWEVER, THERE ARE ACTUALLY FOUR OTHER TYPES OF EVOLVING STONES
THERE IS THE LEAF STONE, WHICH AFFECTS PARTICULAR GRASS POKÉMON THE FLAME STONE FOR FIRE POKEMON...
AND SIMILARLY...
THE WATER...
AND THE LIGHTNING STONES


YOU KNOW THAT THESE STONES NORMALLY DISAPPEAR AFTER ONE USE, RIGHT?
YES
BUT SOMEWHERE THEY SAY ARE FOUR VERY SPECIAL STONES THAT DO NOT LOSE THEIR POWER EVEN AFTER ENABLING A POKEMON TO EVOLVE
SSHH!
MANY PEOPLE HAVE SOUGHT THEM FOR A LONG TIME

AND ACCORDING TO LOCAL LEGEND YELLOW...

THE KINDEST TENTACRUEL
THOSE VERY FOUR STONES LIE
..AT THE BOTTOM OF VERMILION HARBOR!


AND...?
WHAT CONNECTION DOES THIS HAVE WITH RED?
IS RED THE ONLY THING THIS CHILD THINKS ABOUT?
WELL, YELLOW THE CONNEC-TION IS THIS...

FOR YEARS MOST PEOPLE LAUGHED OFF THE LEGEND OF THOSE STONES
KYHAHA
UNTIL, TWO YEARS AGO, SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT CHANGED THEIR MINDS
ALL THANKS TO RED!
AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT, RED, HAVING JUST ARRIVED AT THIS HARBOR, WAS FLUNG IN THE SEA WITH HIS POLIWHIRL
THE POLIWHIRL THAT SAVED HIS LIFE THEN, AFTER QUITE SUDDENLY.
BECOMING A POLIWRATH!
SO I GOT TO THINKING MAYBE POLIWHIRL ENCOUNTERED SOMETHING IN THE WATER THAT EVOLVED IT..
MAYBE THOSE FOUR STONES OF EVOLUTION DO LIE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
ACTUALLY THOSE WERE PROFESSOR OAK'S WORDS
ANYWAY, AFTER THAT RED WENT ON TO BATTLE GIOVANNI THE LEADER OF TEAM ROCKET, AND BLAH BLAH BLAH
SO THEY COULD BE LYING RIGHT DOWN THERE.
THE KEYS TO THE POWER OF EVOLVING!
PIKA!
PI!

FUMP
OFF WE GO!
ZZZZZZIP
WAIT! YOU'RE NOT THINKING OF GOING TO GET THOSE STONES!?
THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INSIDE A HEAVILY GUARDED SANCTUARY! YOU CAN'T JUST WALTZ IN THERE!!
GRRR
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?
WELL, IF YOU MUST GO...
DA-DUM
HERE'S A LITTLE PRESENT! JUST LET ME IN ON IT WHEN YOU FIND 'EM, OKAY?
HUH?
POOF
THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION, SIR!
WE'RE OFF TO FIND THEM NOW!
AND MAYBE THEY'LL GIVE US A HINT THAT WILL LEAD US TO RED!!
ZOOM
gape

SSSHHH
BEYOND THE HARBOR..
BOB
BOB
WELL
I AM GLAD THAT OLD MAN TOLD ME ABOUT THIS
WAAH!
BB
BB
...BUT I WISH HE'D TOLD ME THERE'D BE SO MANY TENTACOOL!!
MMM
BRRR..
WHY DO THEY KEEP COMING?
ARE THEY TELLING ME NOT TO TRESPASS?
I HOPE OMNY'S ALL RIGHT
PLIP
PLIPPOP

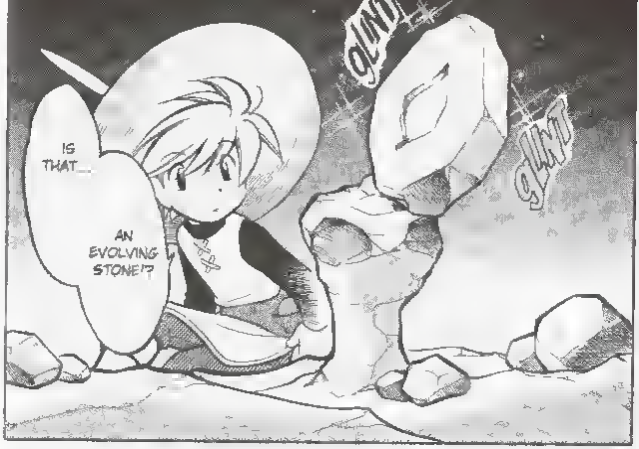
WELL... I GUESS I SHOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASY...
BOB
BOB
THUD
LOOM
◯ △ ✕ !!
CATERPIE! EXTEND THE LINE!
SOME-THING'S HAPPEN-ING!
CROOOD
OH NO! THAT'S A TENTACRUEL! IT MUST BE THEIR BOSS!!
WE HAVE TO GET OMNY OUT OF THAT BALL...
ZZZAP

ZIP
ZIP
WRAP ATTACK!?
YEEE-AAAAA!
WOOSH
ACK!
PI!!!
OH NO! PIKA!
BOOM

BUB
BUB
!
A BABY TENTACOOL TRAPPED UNDER A BOULDER!
SO THAT'S IT!! YOU CAME FOR MY HELP!!
GRAVELER, I KNOW YOU HATE BEING UNDERWATER... BUT PLEASE !
ROCK POKÉMON WON'T LAST LONG UNDER-WATER
AND NEITHER WILL MY BREATH !
GWG
999

gggggg
IZZUP
YES!!
!!
GLUG
THE P-PAIN — IT'S TOO MUCH
gLUg
HAVE TO GET GRAVELER BACK INTO ITS BALL —
gLUg...

PUK
N
NNNH
PUK
AM I... DEAD?
I CAN. . BREATHE!
GASP
WHY--!? HOW--!? I MEAN--
THE BABY
THANKS I GUESS I'M THE ONE WHO GOT RESCUED
?
GLEEM


IS THAT...
AN EVOLVING STONE!?
GLINT
GLINT

!

THIS ONE LOOKS LIKE A LEAF STONE

JUST THE ONE.
THE FLAME, LIGHTNING, AND WATER STONES ARE GONE!!

INCLUDING THE ONE THAT MADE RED'S POLIWHIRL EVOLVE..
!

BUT THAT'S OKAY

AT LEAST WE GOT TO SEE THIS INCREDIBLE PLACE!
THE LEGENDARY VERMILION UNDER-WATER DOME.

YOU MEAN THE DOME REALLY EXISTS!?
BUT THREE OF THE FOUR STONES ARE GONE!?
RRRRRRGH! AND I WAS GOING TO TAKE THEM FOR MYSELF SECRETLY! IT'S NOT FAIR!
?
WHO WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO STEAL THEM? ONLY A GREAT TRAINER COULD GET THERE AND BACK ALONE... BUT WHY WOULD HE OR SHE ONLY TAKE THREE!?

MAYBE THE FLAME, WATER, AND LIGHTNING STONES WERE NECESSARY FOR SOMETHING...
AND THE LEAF STONE WASN'T...?
SO THEY MUST HAVE HAD FLAME, WATER, AND ELECTRIC POKEMON THEY WANTED TO EVOLVE...
BECAUSE THERE'S NO ONE POKEMON WHO WOULD...
?
WAIT A MIN-UTE
!
EEVEE!
AND ONE TRAINER WHO HAS ONE OF THOSE VERY RARE EEVEE IS...
COULD RED BE THE ONE WHO TOOK THOSE STONES FROM THE OCEAN FLOOR!?

HA HA HA!
I AM ONE LUCKY OLD MAN!
BUBB
BUBB
WHO KNOWS WHAT TREASURES AWAIT ME IN THAT DOME!!
AND I'LL HAVE THEM ALL TO MYSELF!
HEE HEE HEE
HO! YOU MUST BE THE TENTA-CRUEL!
YELLOW TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU! YOU MUST BE HERE TO ESCORT ME TO THE UNDERWATER DOME, RIGHT?
HA HA HA
EH?
HEY!! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME!?
POOM